

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 4 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

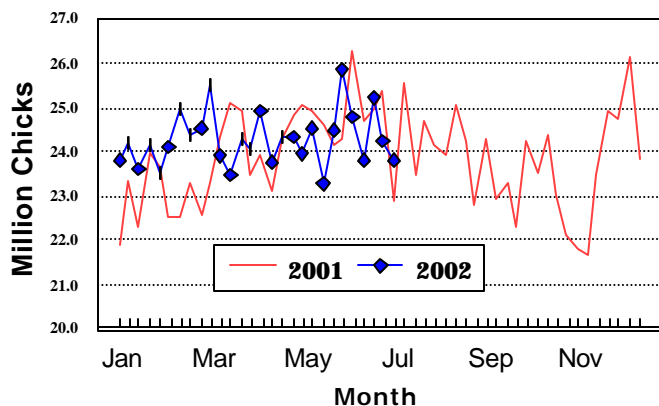
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 23.8 million during the week ending July 13, 2002. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 2001, but down 2 percent from the previous week, and included 2.39 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through July 13, 2002 were 680.1 million, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.4 million, up 1 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and up fractionally from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.44 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.9 percent.

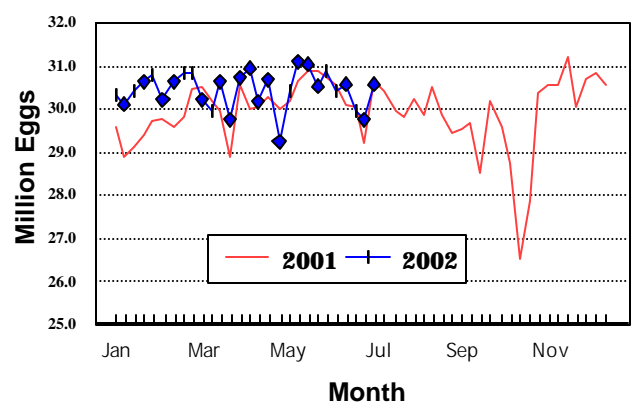
Arkansas hatcheries set 30.6 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending July 13, 2002, down fractionally from the same period last year, but up 3 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change
	1,000			1,000			1,000		
June 8	24,301	25,846	106	25,523	25,986	102	30,740	30,870	100
June	26,284	24,784	94	25,758	25,846	100	30,578	30,448	100
June	24,688	23,822	96	25,738	25,422	99	30,126	30,594	102
June	24,966	25,209	101	25,620	25,606	100	30,055	29,971	100
July	25,365	24,268	96	25,454	25,365	100	29,204	29,741	102
July	22,873	23,811	104	25,030	25,372	101	30,644	30,593	100

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2001-2002



EGGS SET, 2001 - 2002



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2002

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	22-Jun	29-Jun	06-Jul	13-Jul		08-Jun	15-Jun	22-Jun	29-Jun	06-Jul	13-Jul	
Alabama	28,185 *	28,533 *	29,240	29,087	98	22,467	22,064	22,103 *	22,739 *	21,896	21,055	103
ARKANSAS	30,594	29,971	29,741	30,593	100	25,846	24,784	23,822	25,209	24,268	23,811	104
Delaware	3,422	3,416	3,478	3,520	101	5,648	5,362	5,259	4,988	5,351	5,832	117
Florida	2,367	2,367	2,358	2,361	105	2,315	2,458	2,491	2,201 *	2,417	2,233	98
Georgia	32,172 *	32,415	31,739 *	32,588	102	26,542	25,748	26,134	25,978	26,612 *	26,111	106
Kentucky	6,255	6,332	6,673	6,788	105	5,479	5,631	5,876	5,373	5,586	4,837	97
Maryland	10,082	9,385	9,849	9,925	102	5,861	6,315	6,721	6,771	6,357	5,650	94
Mississippi	18,844	18,550	18,740	19,181	102	16,183	16,113	16,150	16,108	15,968	15,779	102
N. Carolina	18,542 *	18,361	18,397	18,269	102	15,912	15,243	15,558	15,555	14,672	15,138	107
Oklahoma	6,906	6,698	6,505	6,621	109	4,821	4,870	4,571	4,525	4,857	4,707	85
Pennsylvania	3,885	3,591 *	3,784 *	3,840	95	2,693	2,756	2,737	2,711 *	2,801 *	2,837	108
S. Carolina	4,786	4,714	4,649	4,895	100	3,498	4,607	3,741	4,028	3,957	3,767	89
Texas	14,658	14,492	15,148	14,680	102	12,121	12,147	12,282	12,199	12,195	11,722	99
Virginia	6,371	6,086	6,499	6,391	98	5,764	5,316	5,078	4,863	5,366	5,038	93
CALAMO,TN,WV	20,093	19,962	20,190 *	20,314	100	19,106 *	19,340 *	19,996 *	18,862 *	19,760 *	19,778	100
Total 2002	207,162 *	204,873 *	206,990 *	209,053		174,256 *	172,754 *	172,519 *	172,110 *	172,063 *	168,295	
Total 2001	204,020	202,627	202,616	207,061		171,583	173,304	170,489	170,027	169,801	165,397	
% Prev. Year	102	101	102	101		102	100	101	101	101	102	
Approximate Marketing Date 2002.....						27-Jul	03-Aug	10-Aug	17-Aug	24-Aug	31-Aug	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 209 million eggs during the week ending July 13, 2002. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 13, 2002. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through July 13, 2002 were 4.77 billion.

The 15 State total was discontinued on May 15, 2002.